

## MEN PROMINENT IN PHOENIX AFFAIRS



GEORGE P. SHELTON

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## GRAND JURY SAYS SHELTON'S GUILTY

Grand Jury Indicts Deposed President for Misappropriation of Funds.

NEW YORK, December 8.—George Preston Sheldon, deposed president of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, lying at death's door at his Greenwich, Conn., home, was indicted for larceny in the first degree by the grand jury in New York for alleged misappropriation of funds of the company of which he was the head for twenty-two years. As Sheldon was not arrested, and probably will not be unless his health improves radically, the text of the indictment was not made public, but an official of the District Attorney's office is authority for the statement that the amount which Sheldon is accused of stealing is \$15,000.

According to this official, Sheldon, it was testified before the grand jury, used the funds or credit of the insurance company in stock market transactions through a New York brokerage firm and pocketed the profits.

The grand jury will now investigate the connection of others with the speculation with the funds of the company. Only charges against Sheldon have been examined as yet, although the report of the insurance department implicated others.

In the meantime detectives will be sent to Greenwich to inquire into the condition of the accused man's health. If they are satisfied that he is too ill for trial, no attempt at extradition will be made, but he will be kept under close surveillance. His condition tonight, as reported from Greenwich, was critical.

Four exhibits of interest which have figured in the grand jury investigation so far are drafts for \$10,000 each and one of \$15,000, alleged profits of speculation which Sheldon is accused of having carried on. Each of these drafts is made the subject of a count in the indictment.

Sheldon is sixty-four years old, and widely known in insurance circles. He was taken ill with pneumonia, poisoning blood, six weeks ago, before he was deposed as president of the insurance company.

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## News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1103 Hull Street.

John T. Boyd, aged sixty-four, a farmer of Chesterfield county and a Confederate veteran, took his life last Sunday night by cutting his throat with a razor. His self-destruction must have been done with a firm hand, supported by a desperate resolve, as a terrible gash extended from ear to ear, and severed the arteries of the neck, probably causing the man's death by loss of blood within a short time. The body was not found until Monday morning. A hastily scrawled note was left in his bedroom, in which the writer said he was tired of being ill. The weapon of destruction, a razor, was found covered with blood at the man's side.

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sociate Chorister, Charles H. McCann; Organist, Miss Marie Morris; Assistant Organist, Bernard McCann; Librarian, Allen Gill.

Church Officers—Treasurer, George W. Williamson (independent); Clerk, M. Z. Percival (independent); Chorister, E. K. Sampson (independent); Organist, Miss Ida Flournoy (independent); Assistant Organist, Miss Marie Morris; Treasurer for Relief of Poor, Miss Ella Davidson.

Finance Committee—W. A. Nunnally, chairman; R. J. Beasley, H. A. Gill, Maxwell McLeod, H. E. Albright, W. H. Norris, L. T. Jones, Ruby Price, M. Davidson, Blair Martin, M. Percival.

Ushers—M. C. Robertson, R. L. Moore, H. E. Albright, H. A. Gill, Everett Murry, George Brown, James H. Arvell, C. E. Walz, George Martin.

Collectors during service—Maurice Percival, Maxwell McLeod, R. J. Beasley, Leonard Jones, W. L. Foster, A. Taylor, Samuel Wingo, Houghton Williams, Henry Holt, J. C. Hubbard, Bernard McCann, Howard Williams, Lee Nunnally, Henry Martin and Julian Murry.

Just following the installing of the new officers Mr. Haley, the pastor, stated to him a few days ago about a case of destitution in the city of a newly married couple. He said they were stranded and had been staying with Mrs. Bucher, on Ninth Street. Baskets were passed and a small amount was realized for the unfortunate. There will be a meeting of the choir of the church to-morrow night.

Baptism Service.

There will be special exercises at Oak Grove Baptist Church to-night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. Several persons will be baptized at 8 o'clock. Immediately after the baptisms, Rev. J. T. Haley will preach. Following the sermon, the hand of fellowship will be extended to the new members of the church.

Special Council Meeting Called.

To-morrow night there will be held a special session of the Board of Aldermen and Assembly in order to pass on the resignation of City Attorney Charles L. Page, and to provide for a successor.

Mass Meeting To-Night.

Circulars have been distributed notifying the citizens that a special public meeting will be held to-night at the courthouse to deliberate upon matters relative to the resignation of Mr. Page.

Funeral of Mrs. Moore.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha B. Moore, of 1125 Hull Street, who died at her daughter's home, Tuesday night, after a long illness, will take place from the Ninth Street Methodist Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. She is survived by one brother, S. T. Nunnally, two sisters—Mrs. Goodsey and Mrs. Thomas—four sons—Abner L. J. H. Andrews, L. and B. W. Moore—and two daughters—Mrs. Katie Bush and Mrs. Traylor of Richmond.

New Telephone System.

An up-to-date telephone system has been installed in Chester, Chesterfield county, business houses and homes in Chester, Chesterfield, Churchhead Springs and Chesterfield Court house have been equipped with phones and the assumption is that the line will be gradually extended to all important points in the city.

Personal Mention.

The St. Agnes Guild will hold a mask party December 16 at Corsey's Hall. A prize will be awarded for the best woman's costume, and also for the best man's.

The Young Ladies Euchre Club met Tuesday night with Miss Alice Ingram. Miss Etta Sampson captured the first prize, and Miss Eleanor Gary the consolation. Dainty refreshments were served.

Three Virginia Couples Wed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., December 8.—Three Virginia couples were married at Hatteras today. They were Harvey B. Ford and Miss Bessie P. Watkins, of Church Road, Dinwiddie county; Joseph A. Holloway, of Wainwright, Greenville county, and Miss Elizabeth Harris, of Ford's, Va. Justice Clark performed the triple-link ceremony.

Child Burned to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPECIAL.—N. C., December 8.—With her body buried in a crib, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Agner, near Salisbury, died at the home yesterday from fatal burns sustained Monday. While child's clothing ignited, and was burned from her body. She lived in great pain until yesterday.

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## LEADING RIDERS AHEAD OF RECORD

Killing Pace Is Pushing Weaker Team to the Rear.

NEW YORK, December 8.—A killing pace is gradually pushing the weaker teams into the rear of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. Just before 7 o'clock to-night Clark, the Australian sprinter, climbed high up on the outer edge of one of the turns and shot down into the saucer again at the top of his speed.

Before the field could get under way he had opened up a lead of quarter of a lap, and a desperate scramble for lost distance followed.

Trainers swarmed about the railing, routing out fresh partners, and for a time it seemed that all the riders were on the track at once. For twenty minutes the furious drive held unslackened, amid such confusion that the scorers had difficulty in reckoning the distance.

When the men grouped themselves in some semblance of order again it was announced that Cameron and Krebs, Milton and West, Anderson and Vanoni, Hill and Stein, Galvin and Keegan, and the two Georges had all lost a lap, and that the leaders were 14 miles 4 laps ahead of the pack.

Demora fell exhausted from his wheel just after he was relieved. At 10 o'clock the men had gained another mile and three laps on the record, with positions unchanged.

At 11 o'clock the field had gained again, and the figures stood 14 miles 8 laps, and the seventy-first hour, a lead of 16 miles 3 laps over the mark of 1402.3 made last year by Hill and Demora.

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Webster Davis, of Richmond, Special agent will be reserved for white persons. Professor Vernon is president of the Western University at Quindaro, Kan., and is on leave of absence from that position while connected with the Federal service. A large delegation of colored citizens will meet him upon his arrival and escort him to Muller Hotel. After his lecture a luncheon will be tendered him.

Auction Sales, This Day.

Builders, Attention.

RARE CHANCE. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

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Monday, December 13th, 1909,

Beginning at 1:30 P. M.,

at the front door of the Corporation Court-house, Newport News, Virginia, the following described real estate and personal property, in the order named:

No. 1. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of ground, situate in the city of Newport News, State of Virginia, known and designated as lots number thirty-seven (37) and thirty-eight (38), in block number one hundred and thirteen (113), on a certain map entitled "Map of part of the City of Newport News, Virginia," which said map was duly recorded in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court for the City of Newport News, in Plat Book 1, page 3, to which reference is here made.

Lot 26x100, improved by a four-story brick building, known as the "COOPERSON HOTEL," containing 40 bedrooms, together with all and several of the furniture and fixtures contained in and upon the building and upon the aforesaid lots, being particularly described as follows: Forty complete suits, including bed, dresser, washstand, two chairs; one large oak sideboard in the dining-room; eleven dining tables, with five dozen oak chairs; one iron safe; one cash register; one ticket register; five leather, mahogany, upholstered in leather, with tables; two pool tables made by Bott Brothers, together with balls, racks and cues; one wood kitchen range; one gas kitchen range; two ice boxes; one large refrigerator, together with all kitchen utensils and cutlery, table and linenware, being all and several of the furniture and fixtures, with the exception of the bar fixtures, which is located in said building.

BERNARD MINTNER, Auctioneer, Baltimore, Md.

ALLAN D. DOWNS, Newport News, Va., Trustees.

Entered Several Places, but Did Not Take Any Goods.

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